



# VolunteerBloomington!

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it!"  
~George Elliston

May 22, 2013

## Middle Way House PAWSS Intern

Middle Way House is looking for a summer intern to work on an exciting new project called "Providing Animals and Women with Safe Shelter" (PAWSS). The goal of the program is to create a network of volunteer and fosterers to care for the pets of families who go to stay at Middle Way House. They will use a crowdfunding campaign to raise money to cover the cost of vet bills and for expenses. The ideal candidate will be someone who can devote about 15 hours a week to this project over the next few months. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Erin Biebuyck at [ekbiebuyck@gmail.com](mailto:ekbiebuyck@gmail.com). ([www.middlewayhouse.org](http://www.middlewayhouse.org))

## WonderLab Volunteer Training- June 6

Get trained to be a WonderLab Museum of Health and Technology volunteer! Museum volunteers encourage visitors of all ages to explore hands-on exhibits and programs. Each year, more than 900 individuals contribute over 15,000 hours to help WonderLab operate. These volunteers include teens, college students, scientists, educators, business people, parents and senior adults. There is no retirement age at WonderLab! Some volunteers bring a wide range of expertise, while others learn new skills on the job. Anyone who believes in the value of hands-on experience is welcome. Upcoming trainings are from 3:30-5 p.m. on June 6 and from 5:30-7 p.m. on Sept. 10. Please contact Jeanne Gunning at [jeanne@wonderlab.org](mailto:jeanne@wonderlab.org) or 337-1337 ext. 21. ([www.wonderlab.org](http://www.wonderlab.org))

## PALS Volunteer Training- June 8

People and Animal Learning Services offers regular trainings for new volunteers. Your next chance to get involved with this therapeutic riding program which helps children and adults with disabilities learn how to ride horses is from 1-4 p.m. on June 8. Volunteer responsibilities include leading horses and side-walking riders during lessons. Volunteers also help groom, saddle, train, care for horses, and help with barn chores. Volunteers must attend a training and be over the age of 16, but no horse experience is necessary. A commitment of 3 to 4 hours per week is requested. Please contact Taryn Lyman at (812) 360-1342 or [taryn@palstherapy.org](mailto:taryn@palstherapy.org). ([www.palstherapy.org](http://www.palstherapy.org))

## Arts Fair on the Square Volunteers- June 22

The Bloomington Playwrights Project's 'Arts Fair on the Square', held on June 22, is celebrating 33 years of bringing visual artists and craftspeople together with the local and regional community. This juried art show features over 80 regional and national artists and craftspeople on the picturesque grounds surrounding the Monroe County Courthouse. Arts Fair on the Square also includes interactive arts activities for children and entertainment for the whole family by local artists. You can join the fun as a volunteer – hours are flexible and there are a variety of positions. Volunteer opportunities include: check-in and setup, traffic control, information desk, children's art center, check-out and tear-down, and photography. View position descriptions and shifts online at [artsfair.org](http://artsfair.org). Minimum age is 16 or 12 with an adult. For more information contact Lee Burckes at (812) 334-1188 or [manager@artsfair.org](mailto:manager@artsfair.org). ([www.newplays.org](http://www.newplays.org))

## Childcare for Down Syndrome Family Connection

Volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis to provide childcare for children with Down Syndrome and their siblings during Down Syndrome Family Connection meetings and events. Meetings are generally held from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon on the second Sat. of each month. A background check is required. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Cyndi Johnson at [cyndi@downsyndromefamilyconnection.org](mailto:cyndi@downsyndromefamilyconnection.org). ([www.downsyndromefamilyconnection.org](http://www.downsyndromefamilyconnection.org))

## Community Wish List Spotlight

### Life Designs

Provides quality services and support to people with disabilities in south central Indiana. Services are tailored to each individual based on their interests and support needs. To grant a wish, contact Leslie Abshier at (812) 332-9615 or [labshier@lifedesignsinc.org](mailto:labshier@lifedesignsinc.org) (200 E. Winslow Rd.; [www.lifedesignsinc.org](http://www.lifedesignsinc.org))

**Wishes:** cookware, toaster, TV, dishrags, cooking utensils, hand-held blender, cutting knives, potholders, DVDs, stuffed animals, games, twin bedding, pillows, towels, washcloths, laptops, tablets, speaker phone, pens, headphones, notepads, copier paper

*Use the [Community Wish List](#) to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.*

*The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit [bloomington.in.gov/volunteer](http://bloomington.in.gov/volunteer) or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.*

